(c) what specific measures have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, has not seized any narcotic drugs during the years 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986 (upto January) while being smuggled into India from Pakistan across the border.

However, details of the narcotic drugs seized in the Indo-Pak border region by the various enforcement agencies during the years 1983, 1984 and 1985 are given below:—

Year	Qnantity of drugs seized (in kgs.)		
	Heroin	Opium	Hashish
1983	21	3390	654
1984	101	7118	541
1985	520	882	527

The aforesaid seizures and seizures effected elsewhere indicate a trend that India is becoming increasingly vulnerable as a transit country for smuggling of narcotics drugs and psychotropic substances from the South Asian region, including Pakistan, to the Western countries.

(c) The anti-smuggling drive in general has been intensified in the Indo-Pak border sector. The preventive and intelligence machinery of the Customs department in the region has been reinforced in terms of man-power and equipment. In addition, appropriate anti-smuggling measures are taken in close co-ordination with the concerned Central and State Government authorities. The trends in smuggling and seizures made in the region are kept under constant review for taking appropriate remedial action as warranted.

Non-payment of Salaries to the Staff in the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handicrafts

226. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff including the Assistant Directors in the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handicrafts are not being paid their salaries regularly; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken for making regular payment of salaries to all the staff so as to remove the hardship being faced by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The salary of the staff including the Assistant Directors in the office of the Development Commissioner for Handicrafts is being paid regularly, as and when due.

(b) Does not arise.

Carpet weaving training centre, Bikapur, Uttar Pradesh

227. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after starting a training programme at the Carpet Weaving Training Centre at Bikapur in Faizabad District of Uttar Pradesh during September-October, 1985 and after the continuance of the training for 16 days, the training was stopped and again fresh interviews were held to restart the training at the same Centre;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;